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**** Media Advisory ****

Sign up now for Citizen Police Academy

Ever wonder how those laser/radar guns that traffic cops use work? Would you like to see a SWAT demonstration up close and personal? Want to get the inside scoop on how a homicide investigation is conducted? If so, then you need to hurry and sign up for the 33rd session of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Citizen Police Academy.

The next session is slated to begin on August 23, 2005, and runs for 13 weeks. Participants will meet every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will learn about the many facets of the Wichita Police Department and Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office.

The Academy is free, but attendees must be at least 20 years of age and must pass a background check. Because the participants are privy to sensitive information during the Academy, and because

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they will participate in a police ride-along, the background check is necessary.

Interested applicants should apply before July 15, 2005, and may do so online at www.wichita.gov on the police/training page, or they may call the Wichita/Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Training Academy at 838-9611.

After attending the Academy, participants will have a better understanding of both the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office and will be in a position to become more involved in their neighborhoods and community, according to Lt. Darrell Atteberry, CPA coordinator.

"Everyone who attends the CPA returns to their neighborhood as a better informed citizen capable of using their newly acquired information to help improve the quality of life in our community," said Lt. Atteberry.

For additional information, or to apply for the Academy, please contact Lt. Atteberry or Sgt. David Hein, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, at 838-9611.